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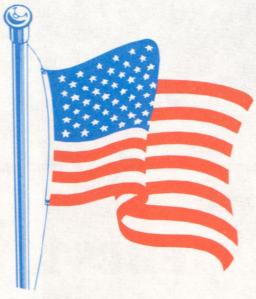

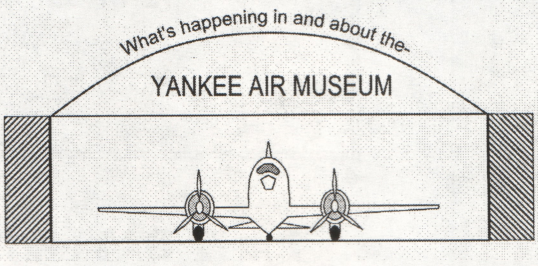

Hangar Happenin's

There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer !

WE NEED YOU!

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT MONTH

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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members & Guests Welcome

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Everyone Welcome

Board Meeting
3rd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members Welcome

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:30 AM
All Department Chairs & Managers

MUSEUM HOURS

10 AM - 4 PM TUESDAY - SATURDAY
12 NOON - 4 PM SUNDAY

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Visitors to our Museum
during **February 2004** were from
12 of our United States
plus
Canada, England and Japan

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

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4 April 1944	20th Air Force activated
6 April 1972	*Operation Linebacker* began
8 April 1943	P-47s first flown in combat over Europe
10 April 1942	*Bataan Death March* began
10 April 1994	USAF F-16s make first NATO air attacks in Bosnian conflict
11 April 1991	Persian Gulf War Cease Fire
12 April 1961	First manned space flight
12 April 1966	SAC B-52s bomb North Vietnam
15 April 1986	USAF F-111s strike Libya
16 April 1949	Berlin Airlift record: 12,940 tons in 24 hours
18 April 1942	Doolittle Raid on Tokyo: 16 B-25s fly from deck of the *USS Hornet*
28 April 1942	22 Japanese aircraft downed by American Volunteer Group *Flying Tigers*
30 April 1975	Vietnam War ends

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Winner of the 50/50 drawing
at our March meeting was

JIM DIETRICH

who donated his winnings
to our C-47.

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YAMFFFF

Yankee Air Museum to Feature B-25 "Mitchell" Tour, Keynote Speaker and Film

Saturday
17 April 2004
5:30 PM

What a great way to commemorate the famous Doolittle Raid!

Sixty-two years ago, on 18 April 1942, 16 B-25s took off from the deck of the carrier *USS Hornet.* Their mission was to bomb Tokyo and several other Japanese cities in retaliation for the unprovoked sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, four months prior.

Relive this daring mission by watching the movie tribute ***Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo*** based on the book by Doolittle Raider B-25 Captain Ted Lawson. Van Johnson plays Ted Lawson who lost a leg when his plane crash-landed in China. Jimmy Doolittle is portrayed by Oscar-winning actor Spencer Tracy.

If you would like more background before seeing the movie, a very good read is Doolittle's autobiography, ***I Could Never Be So Lucky Again***. Another is the quarterly AIR CLASSICS REVIEW, Volume 2, 1992 article ***Hell from the Heavens*** by Robert L. Trimble.

After the movie, tour our newly restored B-25 *Yankee Warrior*, a rare World War II 15th AAF combat veteran.

Our February 21st B-17 bomber tour and movie ***Twelve O'Clock High*** was a great success. Tickets sold out several weeks prior to the event, so don't delay, buy today! Order your seats right away for the next Yankee Air Museum *happening!*

COMMAND PERFORMANCE !

Our February event featuring *Yankee Lady* B-17 tours and the movie ***Twelve O'Clock High*** was so popular it will be repeated on April 24th! Same great tickets prices! Call or use the form below, indicating that your payment is for the B-17 repeat performance on April 24th.

You can pick up your tickets at the YAF Museum Store or **send a stamped pre-addressed envelope** to have tickets mailed to you for either event. **Mail order deadline** is a week prior to each event.

To make reservations for each event, complete and mail this form with your check payable to:
Yankee Air Museum, Attn: FFFF, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590
Call **(734) 483-4030 Ext 202** for more info or to charge to VISA or Master Card ($10 minimum)

Name _____ Phone _____

Member seats ____ x $5 = ____ **Non-Member** seats ____ x $10 = ____ **Total** = $ _____

B-25 Saturday ☐ 17 April

B-17 Saturday ☐ 24 April

Yankee Museum Golf Fundraisers coming in June and September

Golfers have two opportunities to participate in Yankee golf events to be held this summer or fall. Sponsors and players are sought for both events.

The **fundraiser scramble** for our **Wurtsmith Division** in Oscoda will be Saturday, June 12th in Harrisville, Michigan. Call **(989) 362-5740**. More info on page 12.

The **Yankee Air Force Golf War** will take place Thursday, September 9th in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Sponsors and players who submit their money (postmarked) by August 1st for the September Golf War will be entered into **both** bomber ride drawings that will take place as part of this event. Pay early and you'll have two chances for a ride in one of the planes!

Mail your check now for the **GOLF WAR!** Cost is $50 ($40 for seniors 60+) payable to Yankee Air Force, Inc.

Send to:

Yankee Air Museum
PO Box 590
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For more information contact Dave Steiner
(734) 645-1150

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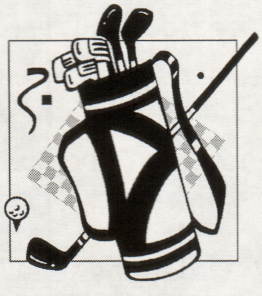

REUNION

494th Bomb Group (H)
World War II
12-16 May 2004
Drawbridge Inn
Fort Mitchell KY 41017-3599

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West Bloomfield MI 48322
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The 494th Bomb Group flew B-24s with the 7th AF during World War II

CALLING ALL BOMBER BUFF(ER)S !

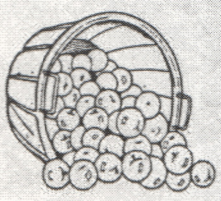
Polishing Party set for Saturday 3 April 2004

Want to get up close and personal with our B-17, B-25 and C-47? Well, here's your chance! **Yankee Air Museum's Polishing Party** is **April 3rd.** Get yourself some *Mothers Mag & Aluminum Polish* (available in most auto part stores or departments), bring along as many soft cloths as you can scrounge up around the house, wear old clothes that you won't mind getting black from aluminum oxide (it does wash out), and head out to the Hangar to help make our aircraft shine.

The action starts at 9 AM and lunch is on the YAF. With three aircraft to buff this year (the B-25 has been in stand-down for the last two years) we may be working into the afternoon even though we normally get 100 or more bomber buffs for this event. Not to worry: there is plenty of aluminum to polish if you can't make it until after lunch!

Weather permitting, we'll try to roll the aircraft outside for a photo-op afterwards. This event is FREE and open to everyone so bring along your friends. Get them to join during the April Membership Drive and you can earn rewards from our Museum Store for your efforts, maybe even a ride in one of the *planes!* This is always a good time, so come on out to help make our aircraft shine, and have fun at the same time.

Our Annual Polishing Party is a great opportunity to get up close and personal with the *Yankee Lady* (B-17), the *Yankee Warrior* (B-25) and the *Yankee Doodle Dandy* (C-47).



THE APPLE ACCENT

by ***Darlene Imus***
#7742 WR

Yankee Air Museum's new Fundraiser Feature Film Festival series started out with the movie *12 O'Clock High.* It was shown on the wide-screen TV in our meeting room. Prior to the movie, we had some of our own talented Yankee members act out a couple of scenes from the movie. Watch out, Hollywood*!* **Randy Hotton** portrayed Gregory Peck's character, Brigadier General Frank Savage. **Jon Stevens** and **Ray Hunter** were also part of these scenarios**. Dave Steiner** presented a narrative regarding the movie. All of these men did a fantastic job portraying their characters...and so did those Yankee members who were behind the scenes in preparing for this event*!*

The audience for *12 O'Clock High* was a phenomenal group*!* There was not an empty seat in the membership room, where more than a hundred people were served all the popcorn and soft drinks they wanted. It was enjoyable to see this movie with a group of aviation enthusiasts. Their participation brought out a different way of appreciating this great film. Several people flew in a day early on a business trip just to attend this event....and they came from California*!*

After the movie, several former B-17 crew members talked about their experiences including Yankee's own **Bob Shoens** who flew with the Bloody 100th Bomb Group early in the air campaign. **Bruce Bockstanz**, a navigator, shared the story of his entire crew bailing out of their crippled *Fort* and showed parts retrieved from the B-17's crash site when he visited Germany many years later. He had been contacted by a German man who researched the crash he witnessed as a twelve-year-old boy. Veteran pilot **Bill Brown** related some of his experiences, and then told the audience it was the first time he had talked about it since the war. Retired General **Richard Bodycombe** shared his war stories of flying the B-24 Liberator over Europe. Earlier that day he had recorded an oral history video produced by Belleville High School. After their discussion, tours were set up to go through our own beautiful B-17 Flying Fortress, the *Yankee Lady.* Re-enactors manned some of the crew stations inside the *Yankee Lady* to answer questions as people toured the aircraft.

The event brought in about $900 from tours of the aircraft. The Museum Store earned an additional $350. The event was such a huge success that a repeat performance is now scheduled for April 24th. About half those in attendance were non-members. **Ken Aldridge** recruited the first new member to sign up during the event. The Long-Range Planning Committee thanks **Neoma Stratton** for opening our Museum Store for the evening.

Our next featured film, scheduled for Saturday, April 17th, will be *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo.* This is another excellent movie, featuring the Doolittle Raiders in their B-25s. The event may be sold out by the time you receive this, but call (734) 483-4030 and ask for **Sara Witt** to inquire if seats are available for that event or for the B-17 movie encore on Saturday, April 24th. I encourage you to see each film in our upcoming series. You are supporting Yankee Air Museum and at the same time enjoying a classic and the aircraft to go with it. See you at the movies*!*

Photos by DAVE STEINER

Yankee Air Museum's first **Fun**draiser Feature Film Festival on Saturday evening 21 February 2004 was a huge success*!*

The Room 216 Report

by ***Jon Stevens*** *L 4172 WR*

Last month, I talked about creating, managing and learning from change. This time, I'd like to share the results of some things we've tried, and an exciting new development as well*!*

You'll recall over the last several months we've discussed the workings of the Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee. The work has been broken down into separate subcommittees, including one for Events Planning. This group was charged with putting together a series of relatively small events that would be easy to put on, and appeal to both members and the general public. In doing so, our goals were to bring members out to the hangar more often then they normally would come, attract new members, and raise funds.

Part of this year's series of events is the *Yankee Air Museum Fundraiser Feature Film Festival* (*YAMFFFF*). Admission for these events is $5 for members, and $10 for the general public. For their admission, we serve free pop and popcorn, show a historical film, and where possible, give an interpreted display of one or more significant items from our collections. As an incentive to join, non-members can deduct the cost of their admission from a new membership.

On Saturday, 21 Feb 04, we kicked off the *YAMFFFF* by showing the 1949 film classic, *Twelve O'Clock High*, starring Gregory Peck and Dean Jagger. **Randy Hotton**, **Ray Hunter**, and I began the evening at 5:30 by recreating two of the scenes in which the General Frank Savage character addressed his flight crews. **Dave Steiner** then read a short passage from the book, and the tone of the evening was set.

After showing the film, we asked the audience if they had any stories related to the film, or the air war in Europe in general, that they wanted to share. Several people did, including one gentleman who told a *very* emotional story about his experiences in a B-17 aircrew. Afterward, his wife commented that she'd never heard him talk that freely about them.

We then reopened both the museum and museum store, and with the assistance of five re-enactors in costume, gave interpreted tours of the B-17. By the time we wrapped things up it was 10:30PM. While none of us are about to quit our day jobs to take the *Yankee Players* on the road, it was a lot of fun, and a profitable evening.

With the success of February's event, the *YAMFFFF* returns on April 17th, with the classic *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo* starring Spencer Tracy, Van Johnson and Robert Mitchum.

And, due to the high demand for tickets, on April 24th, we'll be showing *Twelve O'Clock High* again. Get your tickets now!

Another new idea we're trying out is selling enhanced membership packages. You'll remember the LRPC Membership and Benefactors subcommittee created three new levels of memberships, and designed a temporary, commission-based paid position to sell them. After interviewing three candidates, we've hired **Sara Witt** for the job. She's a recent Eastern Michigan University graduate, with a strong background in public relations and fundraising, and has a strong interest in non-profit organizations. Sara will be working at the hangar on Tuesdays through Saturdays, during regular business hours. Assuming the program is as successful as we think it will be, the plan is to make the position permanent in the fall. For now she'll be reporting to me. Please welcome Sara when you meet her!

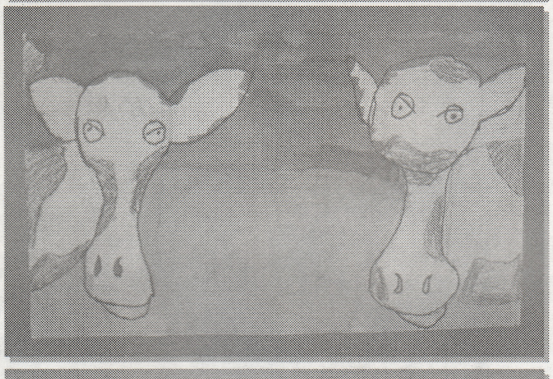
As always, if you've got anything you'd like to discuss, please feel free to call me at **(248) 353-3384** or e-mail me at:

jon_stevens_77@worldnet.attnet

LET'S KEEP TALKING AND KEEPING 'EM FLYING*!*

Children's artwork was a big hit hangin' in the Hangar*!*

As part of Willow Run Community Schools' 60th Anniversary celebration, artwork from four of their elementary schools was displayed in the second floor hallway of our Hangar during March. A different school was featured each week. Here's a sampling of what brightened our walls*!*



LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

In order to formulate a plan for directed and controlled growth, the Board of Governors of the Yankee Air Force formed a Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC). The purpose of this committee is to envision what Yankee Air Museum will look like in 10, 15 or 20 years.

The Long-Range Planning Committee has been meeting for just over one year. The museum envisioned by the LRPC is starting to take shape. The members of the LRPC are involved in a broad cross-section of museum operations. They are working with Grosse Ile Air Extravaganza 2004, the monthly events, and the Michigan Aerospace Foundation. This multi-faceted involvement is giving Yankee Air Museum a central focus to provide direction. It appears to be tying together a collection of independent well-intentioned actions into a common plan.

You can see the change in direction in our monthly newsletter *Hangar Happenin's*. It has increased in size; it has more information about what is happening in the museum and what is coming up in the future. In this issue of the *Hangar Happenin's*, you will see an article about the B-17 movie night held in February. This was the first of the monthly events we planned in order to involve our museum membership as well as non-members in order to increase our membership. There were many "high fives" after the movie; it had to be viewed as a complete success. It was so successful we are doing an encore in April. I am betting the April show will sell out even earlier than the February movie.

We have hired a full-time employee, Sara Witt, to handle incoming calls and sell memberships. She can also provide assistance to those members and non-members wanting to attend events at the museum. The Michigan Aerospace Foundation has told the Board of Governors that the addition of paid staff makes us more attractive to investors. This portrays us as a museum that can manage and support paid staff before outsiders make an investment in Yankee Air Museum. We are moving in the right direction.

In support of our committee's desire to explore the hiring of an Executive Director, the YAM Board of Governors has appointed an Executive Director Search Committee. The committee will investigate how we define our director needs and how to go about posting the opening for this person.

We are working on developing a business plan to describe how Yankee Air Museum will look and operate in the future. Having this new business plan will make us more attractive to investors recruited by our Foundation.

This is an exciting time for Yankee Air Museum. It is strongly felt by the LRPC that we are moving in the right direction. Our museum is on its way to becoming the leading living history flying museum in the country. This is being accomplished by the continuing efforts of the volunteers who have already made Yankee Air Museum what it is today.

- Randy Hotton

Sara Witt hired as our new Benefactors Program Coordinator

A new addition to the professional paid staff at Yankee Air Museum is **Sara Witt**. Sara graduated recently with a degree in Public Relations from Eastern Michigan University. She has a strong interest in working with non-profit organizations and will be attending Yankee meetings on her own time and writing a column/article for *Hangar Happenin's*. Sara began work on 24 March 2004 and will be spending most of her time selling Yankee memberships, upgraded memberships, and tickets to Yankee Air Museum events.

VOLUNTEER ROUND-UP

These are both great opportunities to get more involved with your Museum...and we need your help! Thanks!

2004 GROSSE ILE AIR EXTRAVAGANZA

Dates for the Grosse Ile Airshow:
Saturday-Sunday 19-20 June 2004.

To volunteer for this airshow
you must attend a meeting
at Yankee Air Museum
on Saturday 15 May 2004 at 1:00 PM

THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN II

Dates for our Air Display:
Saturday-Sunday 7-8 August 2004

To volunteer for our air display
you must attend a meeting
at Yankee Air Museum
on Saturday 10 July 2004 at 1:00 PM

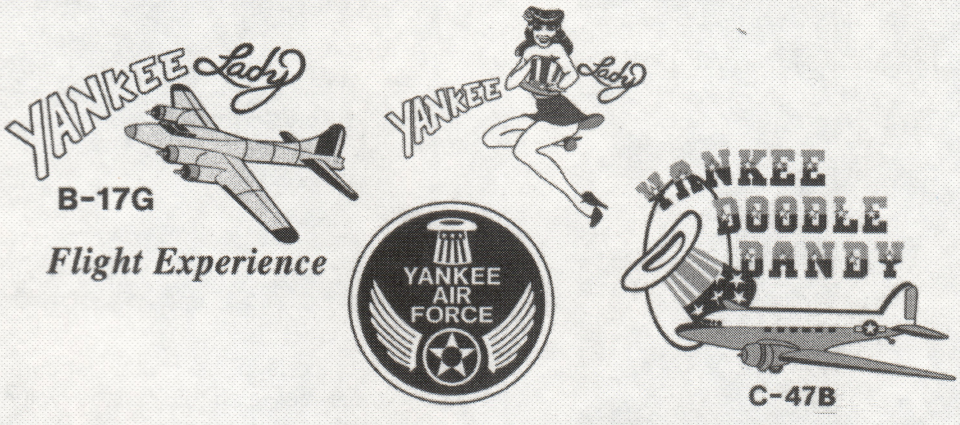
2004 YANKEE AIR FORCE AIRSHOW SCHEDULE

			May 23?	Memorial Day Parade Flyby?		Allen Park, MI
B-17!			May 28-31	American Airpower Museum dsply	-FLEX	Farmingdale,NY
	B-25?		May 29	Cabrini High School Flyby	9:00	Allen Park, MI
	B-25!	C-47!	May 29	Trenton Mem. Day Parade Flyby	10:00	Trenton, MI
		C-47!	May 30	Wayne-Westland Parade Flyby	13:10	Westland, MI
	B-25!	C-47!	**May 31**	YAF **Memorial Day** Open House	-FLEX	Willow Run, MI
	B-25?	C-47?	May 31	American Legion Mem Day Flyby	9:45	Plymouth, MI
	B-25!		May 31	Dearborn Mem Day Parade Flyby	10:30	Dearborn, MI
	B-25?	C-47?	May 31	Milford Mem Day Parade Flyby		Milford, MI
B-17!			Jun 01-03	Mid Atlantic Air Museum dsply	-FLEX	Reading, PA
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jun 04-06	WWII Commemorative Weekend	-FLEX	Reading, PA
		C-47?	Jun 11-13	Blue Ash Airport Days Airshow	(ISZ)	Cincinnati, OH
	B-25!		Jun 11-13	Airport Open House/Static Dsp	-FLEX	Indiana, PA
B-17!		C-47!	Jun 18-20	MAPS Aero Expo 2004	-FLEX	Akron, OH(AKR)
	B-25!		Jun 19-20	Yankee Air Force Grosse Ile Airshow		Grosse Ile, MI
B-17!			Jun 26-27	Aircraft Static Display	-FLEX	Springfield,OH
		C-47?	Jun 26	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
		C-47?	Jun 27	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
B-17?	B-25?		Jun 30	Tiger's Stadium Flyby	19:00	Detroit, MI
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jly 02-03	Goshen Airshow		Goshen, IN
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jly 09-11	Geneseo Airshow "History of Flight"		Geneseo, NY
B-17?	B-25?	C-47?	Jly 16-18	Rochester Airshow	BA	Rochester, NY
B-17?			Jly 23-25	Air Expo 2004-Wings / North	-FLEX	EdenPrairie MN
			Jly 25?	YAF Saginaw Valley Division display?		Saginaw, MI
B-17!			Jly 30-01	Indianapolis Airshow 2004	TB -FLEX	Mt Comfort,IN
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Aug 07-08	Air Display 2004-Thunder Over Mich		Willow Run, MI
B-17!			Aug 13-15	Westover ARB Open House		Chicopee, MA
	B-25?	C-47?	Aug 15	Pontiac Airport Open House	-FLEX	Waterford, MI
B-17?		C-47?	Aug 21-22	Airport Open House/Static Dsp	-FLEX	Delaware, OH
	B-25!		Aug 21-22	Wurtsmith Div Fly-In Breakfast		Oscoda, MI
B-17!	B-25!		Aug 27-29	Toledo Airshow	TB	Toledo, OH
	B-25!		Sep 03-04	Fly-In / Cruise-In	-FLEX	Marion, IN
B-17?		C-47?	Sep 04-06	Cleveland National Airshow		Cleveland, OH
	B-25!		Sep 12	Aviation Day with Flair-Kent State		Stow, OH
	B-25?		Sep 17-19	1940's Hangar Dance	(SSI)	StSimonsIsl,GA
			Sep 19?	YAF Founder's Day Open House?		Willow Run, MI
B-17?			Sep 24-27	Aviation Hall of Fame display	-FLEX	Teterboro, NJ
B-17!			Oct 01-03	U.S. Aviation Museum Airshow	-FLEX	Euclid,OH(CGF)

! Definite **?** Tentative **FLEX** Flight Experiences **BA** US Navy Blue Angels **TB** US Air Force Thunderbirds

Spring Jacket

Swing into Spring with a navy blue jacket. Our polyester jacket is comfortable, can be machine washed, and is lined with fleece. The jacket features two pockets on the outside and one inside. Wood-tone buttons secure the cuffs and collar. An elasticized waistband provides a snug fit. A tan version of this jacket was our top selling item last year.



Pick the logo that you want embroidered on the left chest. Each logo is sewn with at least four different thread colors. This is the first time we are offering the *Yankee Doodle Dandy* logo. It is sewn using red, white, blue, silver and black thread. Depending on the demand, this may be your only chance to buy a Yankee Air Force C-47 jacket.

As a member, this jacket is yours for $89.00. Our price includes UPS shipping and we will embroider your name at no extra charge. Allow 3 to 4 weeks for delivery.

Please print the information we need legibly:

Name_____

Address _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number ( ) _____

Circle your logo choice:

B-17 Flight Experience	Traditional Yankee Air Force	Yankee Lady Nose Art	Yankee Doodle Dandy

Circle the size: Men's Large Men's XL Men's 2X

The name you want embroidered (optional): _____

Make your $89.00 check payable to the **Yankee Air Museum.** Michigan residents must add $5.34 sales tax for a total of $94.34. Mail your check and this form to:

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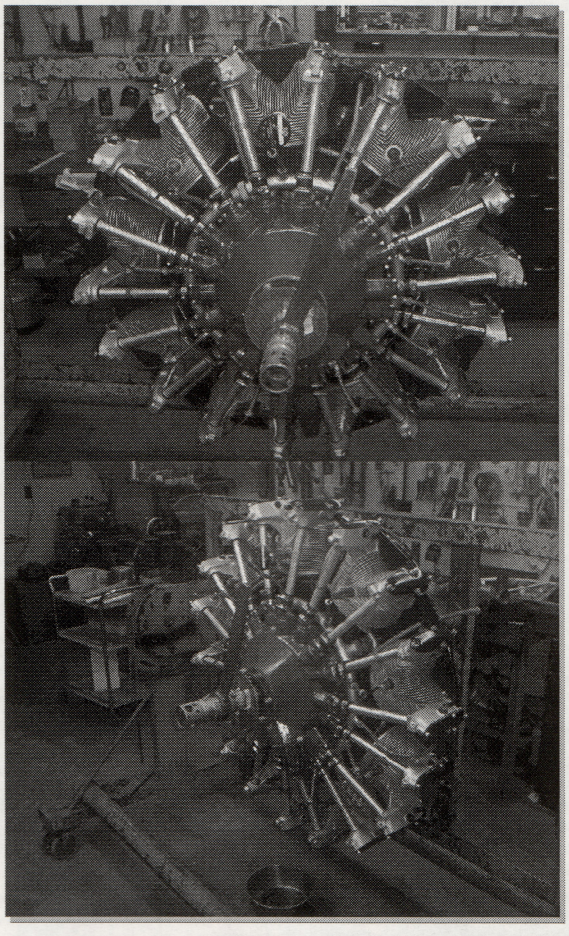
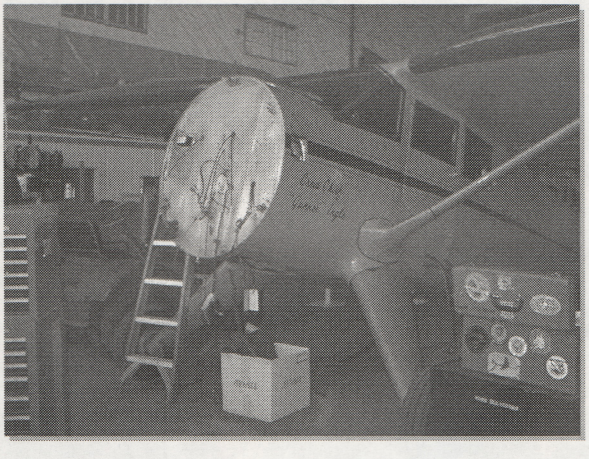
Stinson Update



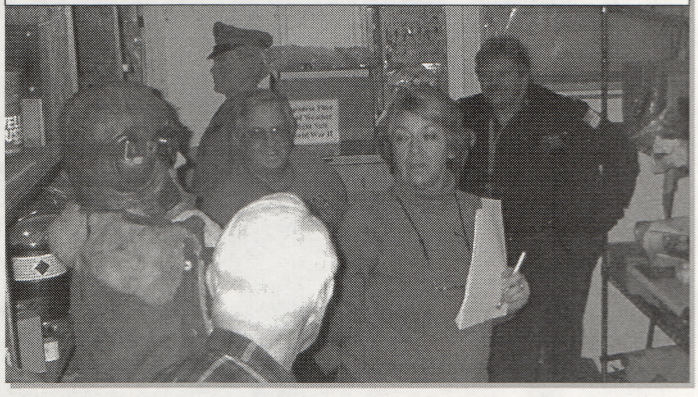
We received these photos from the company rebuilding the engine for our Stinson V-77. They disassembled the engine, cleaned and inspected all the parts, replaced what was defective or out of tolerance and rebuilt it. They will run it for about five hours to insure that it does not leak and does develop its rated power. By next month, we should have the engine back and installed on the Stinson.



BOARD MEETING REPORT

So our Board members could better appreciate the work that Yankee Air Museum Curator **Gayle Roberts-Walker** and her staff accomplish, part of the Board meeting of Wednesday 18 February 2004 included a tour of the collection area, including storage and cataloging areas and display rooms.

Board members **Bill Hanney**, **Don Burke**, and **Ted Drews** tour our museum collection area with Curator **Gayle Roberts-Walker**.



Gayle's office is in the southwest corner of the Hangar, and from there her staff of Yankee volunteers (**Lisa Korzetz, Jerry Luther, Sally Irving, Dwight Koslowski, Sarah Krein, Barb, Jonathon & Emily Shafer, Eric Watkins** and **Eric Aubrey**) and unpaid Eastern Michigan University interns (working for credit toward degrees) keep very busy moving, sorting, cataloging, filing, cleaning, and restoring artifacts. At the same time they are making signage, preparing displays, designing displays, installing dioramas, removing and changing displays. They keep plenty busy. Gayle adds that "without these terrific people, the changes and advances in our collection and exhibits would be impossible for one person to accomplish." Gayle has also arranged for some artifacts to be taken to workshops at EMU labs where equipment and techniques are used to restore them as closely as possible, when appropriate, to original condition. This work is performed at no cost to Yankee Air Museum, and also serves as valuable experience for the students. Gayle reported she has seen items such as stiff leather jackets returned to like-new supple condition. This relationship with the EMU program is valuable for both parties. EMU students get to work on the "real thing" and YAM has access to resources and labs that we currently do not have in our Museum. The tour concluded with a walk through of the display rooms on the second floor, west side of the Hangar with Gayle explaining some of what had been done and the plans for the future. If you have not gone through that area yourself recently (as some of the Board members had not) please take some time to review these new exhibits. More than a few of the artifacts have never been on display before and were "buried treasure" in the storage rooms. If you would like to help Gayle and her staff, just drop a note in her office door mailbox directly above the Museum Store. If you'd like to arrange for a tour of the restoration area, you can also contact Gayle and she will do her best to accommodate you, given her busy schedule.

Veterans Night at Comerica Park
Wednesday, 7:05 PM, June 30th, 2004

PLAY BALL! with the YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Wednesday, June 30, 2004

Tigers vs Rangers

All Veterans, their families and friends receive $10 off Lower Deck Outfield Box Seats
Receive a complimentary food coupon good for a small drink and your choice of hot dog or pizza slice with every ticket
Remember to wear your colors!
$30 value for just $15

Veterans Day Ticket Order Form

Please circle whether you need handicapped seating yes or no ____ # of tickets

Type of Seat	Full Price Ticket	Veterans Discount	Total Cost Per Ticket	# of Tickets	Total Cost
Lower Deck O.Box Seat * Sections (112-116)	$25.00	$10.00 off	$15.00	_____	$ _____
Also, every ticket receives a food coupon for a free small drink and your choice of hot dog or pizza slice					
* Seat Location is Best Available			GRAND TOTALS		$ _____ U.S. Funds

* Veterans must use this ticket order form to receive special discount on June 30th game. This offer not available at the Comerica Park Box Office or through any Ticketmaster outlets. **Mail or Fax only.**

Detroit Tigers Inc.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail address: _____

_____ ____/____/____
CREDIT CARD # EXP. DATE

Fax this form to 313-471-2599 or mail form w/ payment to:
Veterans Day
Detroit Tigers
c/o Jeff Sanders
2100 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48201

Make checks payable to "Detroit Tigers Inc."(Checks or Credit Card only) or email us at jeff.sanders@detroittigers.com

Note: Orders must be received by June 23th **A sales representative will contact you when your order is received**

ORDER FORM MUST BE SENT **TO JEFF SANDERS AT COMERICA PARK** (NOT YANKEE AIR MUSEUM)

FLY GOONEY !

This flying season our C-47 *Yankee Doodle Dandy* will once again take Yankee members to destinations of interest. Seats are first come, first served, so get your check in pronto. Except as noted, price covers only flight cost, not museum entrance, food or any ground transportation necessary.

DATE	DESTINATION	ROUND TRIP COST
Tuesday June 8	**Dayton, Ohio** USAF Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB	$ 100
Tuesday June 15	**Middlesboro, Kentucky** P-38 *Glacier Girl*	$ 235
Saturday June 26	**Dayton, Ohio** USAF Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB	$ 100
Sunday June 27	**Dayton, Ohio** USAF Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB	$ 100
Tuesday July 13	**Chanute Field** at **Rantoul, Illinois** once Chanute AFB	$ 165
Tuesday July 27	**Mackinac Island**	$ 155
Tuesday Aug 10	**Dayton, Ohio** USAF Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB	$ 100
Tuesday Aug 24	**Kalamazoo, Michigan** The New Air Zoo	$ 65
Tuesday Sept 14	**Dayton, Ohio** USAF Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB	$ 100
Sunday Oct 3	**Grand Tour: Wilmington, North Carolina** *USS North Carolina*	
returning	**Savannah, Georgia** *8th AF Museum*	
Friday Oct 8	**Pensacola, Florida** *Naval Air Museum*	

Includes airplane expenses, motel with dual occupancy, ground transportation, and museum admittance: $ 900

NAME _____ YAF MEMBER # _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

DATE _____ DESTINATION _____ HOW MANY SEATS? _____ X COST PER SEAT _____ = TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

WANT TO BE A TRIP COORDINATOR? (eligible for 50% discount) _____ Yes / No

Yankee Air Museum reserves the right to cancel any of these excursions at any time and refund the participant the full amount paid.
Refunds will not be granted except for trips cancelled by Yankee Air Museum.

Checks payable to Yankee Air Force Inc. and send to
PO Box 590, Belleville MI 48111-0590

YAF Wurtsmith Division to hold Golf Scramble fundraiser June 12th

Golfers wishing to participate in the YAFM Wurtsmith Division scramble fundraiser can fly into the old Wurtsmith Strategic Air Command base at Oscoda, Michigan (OSC). Taxi up to the Yankee Hangar on the east side of the airport, and the good people at the YAF Air Museum will see to it that you and your clubs get to the golf course in Harrisville, Michigan. Please phone (989) 362-5740 at least several days ahead to make your arrangements to be picked up, or for more information.

For more information on Wurtsmith's museum, link to the Wurtsmith Division's website from our Yankee home page:
www.yankeeairmuseum.org

Fly in or Drive in

The YAF Air Museum at the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, Michigan, is really well done and worthwhile to visit on your way north. There are some great beaches nearby.

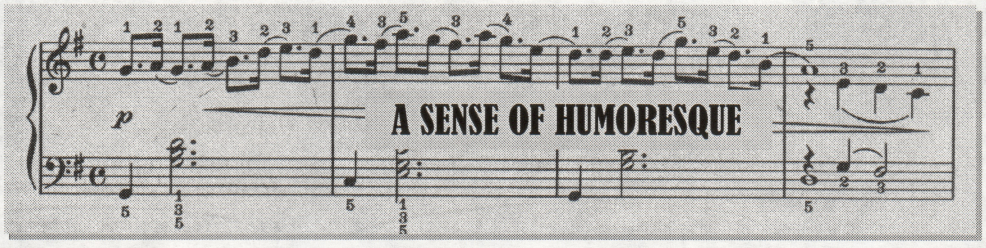
Website Photo

There is only a grass strip at *Harrisville Int'l Airport* (note the sign) but you must admit their terminal is special! Their identifier is 5YØ and the turf strip is 2200' x 100' (Class B) Obstructions: Trees and many deer. *Might want to land at Wurtsmith instead !*

Photo by RAY STEINER

CONNIE'S CORNER

by
Connie Kosek



Gut Feelings — I hate to use this term, but it does tell it like it is — a feeling in your gut telling you whether something is right or wrong. Sometimes you listen to your gut feelings, but sometimes you don't. I've written several articles believing the information I used was correct, only to find out otherwise. One article in particular was *Connie's Corner* for February 2004, where I wrote a paragraph about Fred Rogers of television's *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.*

The story I wrote was sent to me by a school-teacher friend who really believed the story to be true. So did I. I stated that Rogers was a US Navy SEAL and spoke about his heroic deeds while he was in the service. Well, I'm sorry to say that the story I got my information from was a hoax. Mr. Rogers was a gentle giant who taught us to hang up our sweaters when we come home. He was an ordained Presbyterian minister whose two favorite words were "thank you." A cardigan sweater belonging to Mister Rogers hangs in the Smithsonian. In 2002, President George W. Bush presented Fred Rogers with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nation's highest civilian honor, recognizing his contribution to the well-being of children and a career in public television that demonstrated the importance of kindness, compassion and learning.

Several years ago I wrote about a favorite author of mine, war correspondent Ernie Pyle. I mentioned that he was killed on Iwo Jima during World War II on April 18, 1945. I got my info from the book What Happened When. **Harold Sherman,** our YAF Library consultant (now deceased), and several YAF members said, no way had he died on Iwo Jima. So I got another reference book that said he died on the island of Ie-shima, Japan. Just recently, I read another book called V for Victory which stated he died on Okinawa.

So, folks, even reference books can vary.

Speaking of Iwo Jima, someone wrote in the February 2004 *Rifleman* magazine what he noticed while visiting the famous statue of the Marines raising the US flag on Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima. One of the Marines standing next to the Marine raising the flag was holding an M-1 carbine with a bayonet lug and wondered when were the bayonet lugs put on? They weren't on most M-1 carbines until after WWII in 1948. The sculptor who did the work on the huge statue after WWII obtained an M-1 carbine as a model. Presumably he got one of the post-war rebuilt carbines with a T-4 barrel band, hence that was the pattern used in the finished sculpture. This was just a little-known fact to the general public, but a sharp eye caught it and a gut feeling questioned it.

Czech composer Anton Dvorak (1841-1904) wrote the famous music composition *Humoresque* while riding on a commuter train every day. The same monotonous clickity-click of the train would greet Anton, thus the melody for *Humoresque* was born. One day the clickity-click was a completely different tone which puzzled Dvorak. A gut feeling came over him and he called the conductor who in turn notified the engineer who put the train on a sidetrack so he could investigate. No sooner was the train sidetracked, another train came by. If Dvorak had not had that gut feeling there would have been a head-on crash.

So listen to your gut feelings and also remember that "to err is human, to forgive is divine." Someone wrote that saying long ago. I thought it was William Shakespeare, but my gut feeling said to check. So I did a little home-work and learned it was written by an essayist named Alexander A. Poet (1688-1744).

So, now my gut feeling is telling me that I should throw in the towel and quit writing. Should I listen?

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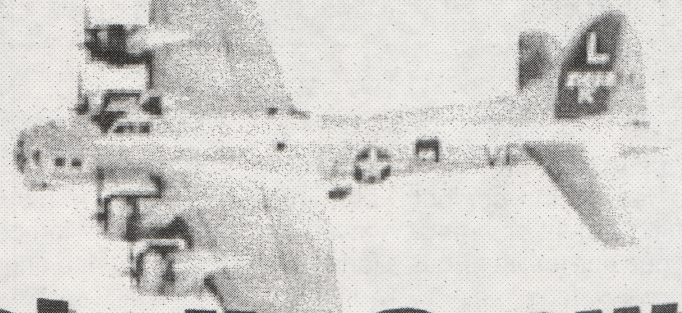
"Where history flies"



Help Us Grow!

The month of April is New Member Month. We have an ever expanding need for new members. Here is the perfect opportunity to help, and to win all kinds of prizes. Our goal is a minimum of 150 new members in the month of April. Help us attain that goal - we all win . . .

Every time you sponsor a new 'Museum Member' your name will be placed in a drawing for the following prizes:**

- Fly over Comerica Park on Memorial Day in Our B-17** (2 Chances – 2 Awards)
- Receive 'Yankee Lady' Jacket from Museum Store (2 Chances – 2 Awards)
- Receive B-17 Experience or YAF Museum Shirt from Museum Store (2 Chances – 2 Awards)
- Two tickets to Detroit Tigers Vet's Day game. (4 Sets)

We'll be there with a Recruiting Booth . . .

All 'April' New Members names will be entered into a drawing for one ride in the B-17

** Awarding of prizes is based on attaining minimum of 150 new Memberships.

MICHIGAN AEROSPACE FOUNDATION

cordially invites you to a *Wine and Cheese Reception* hosted by the

Michigan Aerospace Foundation

to benefit the

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

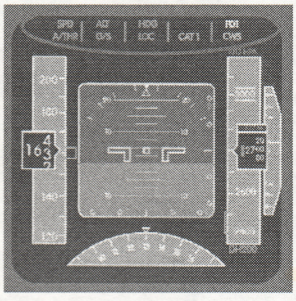
Come help us kick-off our *Campaign for the Future of Aviation History*

Thursday
April 29, 2004
5:30 – 7:30 PM

Eagle Crest Golf Course Clubhouse adjacent to the Marriott Hotel on Ford Lake Ypsilanti, Michigan

Please RSVP to

Dennis Norton
(734) 971-2750
or
dnorton@nortondevelopment.com



ON THE HORIZON

WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck & Ecorse Roads

www.yankeeairmuseum.org

APRIL 2004

Polishing Party Saturday, April 3rd

Come on out at 9AM to help polish our flyable aircraft in preparation for the air show season. FREE admission and LUNCH for all the polishers! Bring a can of *Mothers Mag & Aluminum Polish* and lots of soft cloths. This is one of our most popular events, so don't miss it! This is a great opportunity to get up close and personal with the *Yankee Lady, Yankee Warrior,* and *Yankee Doodle Dandy.*

Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo Movie and B-25 Bomber Tours

Saturday April 17th - February's movie sold out early so order your tickets soon as you can. See details on Page 3!
Saturday April 24th - Repeat of *Twelve O'Clock High* and B-17 Tours! See details on Page 3!

Recruit a member, win great prizes!

Recruit new members this month and be eligible to win YAF apparel from the Museum Store and YAF airplane rides! Phone the Marketing Office for details (734) 483-4030 Ext 221. Leave your message and we'll return your call.

MAY 2004

The narcissus will be blooming! Last fall, Dave Steiner used his daffodrill to plant 250 bulbs at our entryway, in the picnic area, and throughout the air park. Enjoy!

Wednesday May 5th - FLEX rides start, Museum Store open Wednesday evenings
Monday May 10th - Willow Run elementary school tours of Yankee Air Museum
Saturday May 15th - As part of the 60th Anniversary of Willow Run Community Schools, Yankee Air Museum will be hosting busloads of visitors. For more information go to **www.willowrun.org**.

Monday May 31st - MEMORIAL DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
This year we'll have two lines, back-up generators, and more grills to make the lines move quickly!

JUNE 2004

Tuesday June 8th FLY GOONEY! C-47 excursions begin! Details on Page 12 of this issue.
Saturday June 12th - Wurtsmith Division Golf Outing Scramble in Harrisville, Michigan. Call (989) 362-5740
Saturday Sunday June 19-20 - *Grosse Ile Air Extravaganza* *Great idea for Father's Day June 20th!*
Go to ***www.yankeeairmuseum.org*** for more details.
Wednesday June 30th - Veterans Night at Comerica Park *ORDER BLANK on Page 11 of this issue!*

JULY 2004

Saturday July 17 - Vietnam event. More details to come.

AUGUST 2004

August 7- 8 - *Thunder Over Michigan II* Air Display and Symposium at Yankee Air Museum, Willow Run Airport
Find out more at ***www.yankeeairmuseum.org***.

*For reservations or more information about our events call **(734) 483-4030** and ask for **Sara Witt.***

Monday, May 31st, 2004 *GUEST SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED*

Memorial Day Observance

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—from 8 AM to 12 noon

$ 6- Adults $ 4- Children age 12 and under

OPEN HOUSE—9 AM to 4 PM

Museum Admission *FREE*

- *Museum Store*
- *Dog Tags*
- *Museum Tours*
- *Used Book Sales*
- *Photographs*
- *Refreshments*
- *Aircraft Tours*
- *Face Painting—Pokey Dotty & Friend*

Located at the Willow Run Airport
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I-94 Exit 190 (Belleville Rd.)
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